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Vidin

1. An unidentified infantry unit, presumably regimental strength, occupies the barracks of the former 15 Infantry Regiment in the Babini Vidini Kuli area (tower in the Vidin area).
2. A Militia unit and Command of the Okoliyski Upravlenie (Okoliya Directorate) is located in a 2-story white building approximately 25 by 12 meters in size located in the city square of Vidin. The headquarters of the Dzhirshavno Sigurnost (State Security Police) are located in the same building.
3. Border Troops are located along the Yugoslav border in the Vidin area. These are regular Army units who are assigned to frontier service; the troops are assigned to this duty for a period of at least five or six months. The men wear dark white colored leggings.

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Kyustendil

4. An unidentified infantry unit occupies the barracks of the former 13 Infantry Regiment approximately 1.5 kilometers from Kyustendil to the right of the Lenin road (formerly Aleksandrova) which leads to the Yugoslav border. The former 13 Infantry Regiment was subordinate to the Rila Command, while the new unit is subordinate to an unidentified Command in Sofia. The barracks consists of an unknown number of 1-story buildings located along the road and are large enough to accommodate eight companies of approximately 100-120 men each. The area is enclosed by a wall about 200 by 350 meters (200 meters along the road). [redacted] noted four or five artillery pieces, some mounted on gun carriages with rubber tires and others with iron wheels, which are drawn by quadrupeds.
5. An unidentified Militia unit of the Okoliyski Upravlenie is located in a yellow 2-story house on General Zhkov Street in Kyustendil. The building is approximately 15 meters square. The unit is subordinate to a Command in Sofia and has a strength of seven or eight soldiers.

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The Vidin-Calafat Ferry

1. In the summer of 1952, the ferry between Vidin and Calafat was making six trips per 24-hour day. The ferry consists of two lighters, width unknown, which are joined together. It has a length of approximately 150 meters and is able to carry up to 48 loaded freight cars.
2. The cars going to Rumania contain grain, coal, iron ore, and anthracite. The cars going to Bulgaria carry machinery for heavy industry, radio apparatus, and watches.
3. Traffic in and out of Bulgaria is regulated by Despred (Dursnavno Ekspeditorsko; State Traffic) enterprise which has offices and depots located in the vicinity of the ferry. Workers consist of both men and women civilians. Surveillance is entrusted to Militia units who are seen only when the cars are under cargo or upon arrival. On the other hand, the zone toward the border is a military zone and is constantly patrolled by Militia personnel.

The Medical School of the University of Sofia

4. In 1948, an examination on Marxism-Leninism was added to the third year curriculum at the Medical School of the University of Sofia. In 1950, an examination was added for fifth year students concerning the "Organisation of the Health Defense", which is a theoretical and practical physical education course.
5. In 1948, the following changes were made in the examination schedule at the Medical School:
 - a. Pediatrics examination, from the fourth to the fifth year;
 - b. Therapy of internal diseases, from the fourth to the fifth year;
 - c. Internal medicine, from the fifth to the fourth year;

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- d. Ophthalmology, from the fifth to the fourth year;
 - e. Surgery, from the fifth to the fourth year;
 - f. Pharmacology, from the third and fourth to the fifth and sixth year; and
 - g. Neurology and psychiatry, previously a single examination, now the neurology examination is held in the fourth year and the psychiatry examination is held in the fifth year.
6. Medical students have their theoretical examinations after their fifth year of study, and during the sixth year serve as interns in the hospitals. At the end of the sixth year, the students must pass State examinations on all material studied during the complete six years at the University. Only graduate doctors are allowed to practice medicine.
7. The medical specialization institute, known as the ISUL (Institut za Spetsializatsiya i Usuvurshenstvuvane na Lekarite Kadri; Physicians' Specialization Institute) is located on a street which crosses Konstantin Stoylov Street in Sofia. In this institute, it is possible to specialize in any field of medicine or surgery after having completed the appropriate courses necessary for the particular specialty desired. The Institute Directorate consists of the following:
- a. Professor Tashev, rector, about 50 years old, specialist in internal diseases, very competent;
 - b. Professor Zonchev, cardiologist; and
 - c. An unidentified professor.

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1. The 17 Partisans Canning Factory is located in the eastern outskirts of Vidin. It produces marmalade, canned vegetables, and canned tomatoes and stamps "Fabrika 17 Partizani" on the cartons. The factory employs approximately 600 workers.
2. The State automobile repair shop, called Boyan Tsionus after a fallen partisan, is located on the market square in Vidin. It repairs motor vehicles of State units and has a small workshop. The shop employs approximately 20 workers in one shift per day, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It has the following equipment:
 - a. Three lathes mounted on 2-meter benches;
 - b. Three milling-cutters;
 - c. One drill for holes up to 40 mm.; and
 - d. One soldering apparatus.
3. Other factories in Vidin are as follows:
 - a. One porcelain factory; and
 - b. One cigarette factory.

Cooperatives and Depots at Kyustendil

4. The State transport office (Transportna Ekspeditorska Kantora) in Kyustendil is concerned with the transport of goods from private homes to the station and vice versa. It employs 10 clerks and workers. Accountants earn approximately 12,500 leva (old currency).

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5. The State fuel depot at Kyustendil is subordinate to the Dürzhavno Predpriatie "Petrol" (State fuel depot) at Sofia. The Sofia unit provides the Kyustendil depot with fuel which it in turn allocates to private citizens and the military garrisons in the city. The depot is located approximately 250 meters from the railroad station on the road which leads to the city center.

Clothing Depot and Stores at Plovdiv

6. The offices of the clothing and shoe warehouses (Marmag, the People's Stores) in Plovdiv are located at No. 11 Vasil Kolarov Street, and are subordinate to the central Obleklo i Obufki (Clothing and Shoes) organization which in turn is subordinate to the Ministry of Commerce. The director is Mois Kapon, a Jew, who is a candidate Party member. The assistant director is Stoyo Garnevski, a Communist. The number of workers is 220.
7. The clothing and shoe store located in the same building as the warehouse is one of the seven stores in Plovdiv subordinate to the directorate on Vasil Kolarov Street. Each of the stores employ 10 or 12 workers.

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Civilian Hospital at Kyustendil

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1. The civilian hospital at Kyustendil has the following departments:
 - a. Surgery department;
 - b. Internal diseases department;
 - c. Pediatrics department;
 - d. Physiotherapy department;
 - e. Analysis laboratory;
 - f. Otolaryngology department; and
 - g. Eye department.
2. Doctors serving at the hospital are as follows:
 - a. Doctor Vasilev, surgery department;
 - b. Doctor Boychev, surgery department;
 - c. Doctor Stoykova, internal medicine;
 - d. Doctor Kasancheva, internal medicine;
 - e. Doctor Andreev, pediatrician;
 - f. Doctor Lazarov, oculist;
 - g. Doctor Ivanov, otologist; and

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- h. Doctor Alesandrov, chief of the physiotherapy department and director of the hospital.
3. If additional personnel are needed, they are obtained from the Okrushen Bolnitsa (Regional Hospital) at Sofia.
4. The hospital has approximately 120 beds. The major part of its equipment is of old German production. The microscopes used in the laboratory, Zeiss make, have the following characteristics:
- a. Objectives: 90x, 45x, and 10x; and
 - b. Ocular: 10x and 7x.
5. The syringes for injections are of Gima make and the glass bears the inscription "Verinox."

Customs Regulations at Dragoman

6. All persons who cross the Yugoslav border at Dragoman are searched. The three or four agents employed as Customs personnel first question the travelers and later search them. The women are undressed for the searching, but the men are merely "frisked." The objects not declared are taken, and the owner who wishes to recover them must pay a considerable fine. Informant and his wife were stopped for 24 hours because of an undeclared ring which they could not recover because of insufficient funds. The searching was very thorough and even a can of condensed milk was opened for inspection. Each person was allowed to take out a maximum of 150 grams of gold and jewelry.

Partisan Activity at Kyustendil

7. In or about October 1951, there was a large fire at the Kyustendil railroad station which destroyed about 1,000 wooden cases filled with fruit. The residents of the area believed the fire to have been started by partisans who are few in number and rather inactive in this area.

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